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Senate

The 27th day of January being the day prescribed by S. Con. Res. 68 and S. J. Res. 39 for the meeting of the 2d session of the 105th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol at 12 noon.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will come to order. The Chaplain will now deliver the opening prayer.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, by Your grace You guided the founding of this Nation to be a demonstration of democracy under Your sovereignty. We praise You for Your timely inspiration and interventions all through our history. Our motto, "In God we trust," and our affirmation, "One Nation under God," express our sure confidence and the source of our courage.

As we begin the work of this second session of the 105th Congress, we commit our lives to You anew. We thank You for the privilege of pressing forward to the next phase of Your vision for our beloved Nation. We open our minds to think Your thoughts. Give us Your perspective on the problems we face and Your power to solve them.

Help the Senators to listen to one another so their debate on issues will be a dialogue leading to creative resolutions combining the best of the supernatural wisdom You provide through many minds.

We turn our eyes to You and to the strategic work that You have given this Senate to do. Our times are in Your hand; in mutual trust we stand. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President. Welcome back, Mr. President. It is a pleasure to see you presiding in the Chair as we begin this new year.

Mr. President, I say to the Chaplain, we look forward to hearing your prayers throughout the year.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum in order to ascertain the presence of a quorum to begin the second session of the 105th Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Allard	Grassley	Moynihan
Coverdell	Hutchinson	Sessions
Daschle	Lott	Stevens
Enzi	McConnell	Thurmond

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). A quorum is not present. The clerk will call the names of the absent Senators.

The legislative clerk resumed the call of the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Abraham	Collins	Gregg
Ashcroft	Craig	Hagel
Bennett	Domenici	Helms
Bingaman	Durbin	Hollings
Bond	Faircloth	Inhofe
Burns	Feinstein	Kempthorne
Byrd	Ford	Kerry
Campbell	Glenn	Kyl
Chafee	Gorton	Leahy
Coats	Gramm	Mack
Cochran	Grass	Nickles

Reed	Smith, (NH)	Specter
Reid	Smith, (OR)	Warner
Roth	Snowe	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A quorum is present.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF EACH HOUSE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, a quorum having been ascertained, I send a resolution to the desk informing the President that a quorum is present in the Senate and ask that it be considered and agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 164) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 164

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution, the majority and minority leaders are appointed as members of the committee.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now send a second resolution to the desk informing the House that a quorum is present and ask that it be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 165) was agreed to, as follows:

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